

Listing of Claims

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the subject application:

Claims 1-29 (canceled)

30. (currently amended) In a method of producing a toner bottle from a preform basically made up of a mouth portion, a support ring portion and a stretch blow portion by biaxial, stretch blow molding, said mouth portion comprising a toner outlet and a cylindrical wall,

said mouth portion is formed by injection molding, and

an outer circumference of said mouth portion has circularity of about 0.7 mm or below.

31. (currently amended) In a method of producing a toner bottle from a preform basically made up of a mouth portion, a support ring portion and a stretch blow portion by biaxial, stretch blow molding, said mouth portion comprising a toner outlet and a cylindrical wall,

said mouth portion is formed by injection molding,

an outer circumference of said mouth portion has circularity of about 0.7 mm or below,

and

said mouth portion and said support ring portion have coaxiality of about 1.0 mm or below.

32. (currently amended) In a method of producing a toner bottle from a preform basically made up of a mouth portion, a support ring portion and a stretch blow portion by biaxial, stretch blow molding, ~~use is~~ said mouth portion comprising a toner outlet and a cylindrical wall,

said mouth portion is formed by injection molding,
an outer circumference of said mouth portion has circularity of about 0.7 mm or below,
a mold formed with a recess at which a gas vent communicated to an outside of said mold
is open is used, and
a gas is forcibly sucked out of said recess during molding to thereby form a projection on
said toner bottle.

33. (currently amended) In a method of producing a toner bottle from a preform basically
made up of a mouth portion, a support ring portion and a stretch blow portion by biaxial, stretch
blow molding, said mouth portion comprising a toner outlet and a cylindrical wall,

said mouth portion is formed by injection molding,
an outer circumference of said mouth portion has circularity of about 0.7 mm or below,
and

a lug protrudes from said support ring portion for allowing, before said stretch blow
portion softened by heat is introduced in a mold, adjusting means to adjust an angular position of
said preform in engagement with said lug.

34. (currently amended) In a method of producing a toner bottle from a preform basically
made up of a mouth portion, a support ring portion and a stretch blow portion by biaxial, stretch
blow molding, said mouth portion comprising a toner outlet and a cylindrical wall,

said mouth portion is formed by injection molding,
an outer circumference of said mouth portion has circularity of about 0.7 mm or below,
and

when said stretch blow portion is to be stretched in a mold, a hollow stretch pin is inserted into said preform via said mouth portion for pressing a bottom of said preform while, at the same time, compressed air is sent into said preform via a passage formed in said stretch pin and holes formed in a wall of said stretch pin.

35. (currently amended) In a preform basically made up of a mouth portion, a supporting ring portion and a stretch blow portion for producing a toner bottle by biaxial, stretch blow molding,

said mouth portion comprises a toner outlet and a cylindrical wall, and is formed by injection molding, and

an outer circumference of said mouth portion has circularity of about 0.7 mm or below.

36. (original) The preform as claimed in claim 35, wherein a surface of said preform is at least partly roughened.

37. (original) The toner bottle as claimed in claim 35, wherein said toner bottle is formed of a mixture of polyethylene terephthalate and polyethylene.

38. (original) The toner bottle as claimed in claim 35, wherein said toner bottle is formed of a material reclaimed from used product collected on a market or wastes available from a factory.

39. (original) The toner bottle as claimed in claim 38, wherein said toner bottle is formed

of the material reclaimed and virgin resin of a same kind as said material.

40. (currently amended) In a preform basically made up of a mouth portion, a support ring portion and a stretch blow portion for producing a toner bottle by biaxial, stretch blow molding,

said mouth portion comprises a toner outlet and a cylindrical wall, and is formed by injection molding, and

an outer circumference of said mouth portion has circularity of about 0.7 mm or below while said mouth portion and said support ring portion have coaxiality of about 1.0 mm or below.

41. (original) The preform as claimed in claim 40, wherein a surface of said preform is at least partly roughened.

42. (original) The toner bottle as claimed in claim 40, wherein said toner bottle is formed of a mixture of polyethylene terephthalate and polyethylene.

43. (original) The toner bottle as claimed in claim 40, wherein said toner bottle is formed of a material reclaimed from used product collected on a market or wastes available from a factory.

44. (original) The toner bottle as claimed in claim 43, wherein said toner bottle is formed of the material reclaimed and virgin resin of a same kind as said material.

45. (currently amended) In a preform basically made up of a mouth portion, a support ring portion and a stretch blow portion for producing a toner bottle by biaxial, stretch blow molding,

said mouth portion comprises a toner outlet and a cylindrical wall, and is formed by injection molding,

an outer circumference of said mouth portion has circularity of about 0.7 mm or below,
and

said stretch blow portion is stretched by 1.5 to 3 times in a vertical and a horizontal direction.

46. (original) The preform as claimed in claim 45, wherein a surface of said preform is at least partly roughened.

47. (original) The toner bottle as claimed in claim 45, wherein said toner bottle is formed of a mixture of polyethylene terephthalate and polyethylene.

48. (original) The toner bottle as claimed in claim 45, wherein said toner bottle is formed of a material reclaimed from used product collected on a market or wastes available from a factory.

49. (original) The toner bottle as claimed in claim 48, wherein said toner bottle is formed of the material reclaimed and virgin resin of a same kind as said material.

50. (currently amended) A mold for forming by biaxial, stretch blow molding a toner bottle including a mouth and a projection for feeding toner to an electrophotographic apparatus, said mold comprising:

a recess for forming the projection; and

a gas vent open at a bottom of said recess for communicating said recess to an outside of said mold,

wherein an outer circumference of said mouth has circularity of about 0.7 mm or below.

51. (currently amended) A toner bottle comprising
a material reclaimed from used products collected on a market or wastes available from a factory; and

a mouth comprising a toner outlet and a cylindrical wall,

wherein said mouth is formed by injection molding, and an outer circumference of said toner outlet has circularity of 0.7 mm or below.

52. (previously presented) The toner bottle as claimed in claim 51, wherein said material is formed of polyethylene terephthalate.

53. (previously presented) The toner bottle as claimed in claim 51, wherein said material is formed of a mixture of polyethylene terephthalate and polyethylene.

54. (previously presented) The toner bottle as claimed in claim 51, wherein said toner bottle is formed of said material reclaimed and virgin resin of a same kind as said material.

55. (previously presented) The toner bottle as claimed in claim 51, wherein said toner bottle is formed of said material reclaimed and a plasticizer.